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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FRENCH FONMIN

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1. JOBERT ARRIVED IN SAN SEBASTIAN AUG 27 FOR MEETING WITH FOMIN LOPEZ RODO. AFTER FIRST ROUND OF OFFICIAL TALKS LOPEZ RODO PRESENTED JOBERT WITH ORDER OF ISABEL THE CATHOLIC AND SAID IT WAS FRANCO'S WAY OF EXPRESSING NOT ONLY HIS REGARD FOR JOBERT BUT ALSO ADDITIONAL PROOF OF FRIENDLY SENTIMENTS FRANCO HOLDS FOR FRENCH PEOPLE AND PRESIDENT POMPIDOU.

2. AFTER FORMAL DINNER IN JOBERT'S HONOR, LOPEZ RODO MADE SPEECH CONTAINING FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) AS REPRESENTATIVE OF GOVERNMENT WHICH MADE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE ITS RAISON D'ETRE, JOBERT COULD SURELY UNDERSTAND SPAIN'S PURSUIT OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY.

(COMMENT: THIS IS SPANISH FOMIN'S WAY OF SAYING HE RE-

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JECTS ANY INTERFERENCE IN SPANISH INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND

SOLICITS FRENCH UNDERSTANDING IF NOT SUPPORT IN RELATIONS WITH EC AND ON GIBRALTAR QUESTION), (B) INTENSIFIED COLLABORATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IS URGENT BUT MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN A EUROPEAN CONTEXT INCLUDING SPAIN. (COMMENT: HERE LOPEZ RODO IS SAYING THAT SPAIN MUST BE INCLUDED IN WESTERN EUROPEAN COOPERATIVE EFFORTS.), (C) EUROPE TODAY IS A HOPE RATHER THAN A REALITY. EC'S LIMITATIONS APPEARED AS SOON AS THERE WAS A MONETARY CRISIS. AT A TIME WHEN AN ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO REORGANIZE SECURITY SYSTEM, " WHICH LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED" AND WHEN MONETARY REFORM IS INEVITABLE, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT EUROPE HAS DISCOVERED IT MUST FIND A NEW RESPONSE TO THE NEW SITUATION, "WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SUPER POWERS." (COMMENT: HERE LOPEZ RODO SAYS THAT NATO AND EC ARE IMPERFEC ORGANIZATIONS WHICH, IN VIEW OF GROWING DETENTE BETWEEN US AND USSR, SHOULD BE REVISED, WITH FULL SPANISH PARTICIPATION)., (D) FRANCE AND SPAIN MUST CONTRIBUTE TO EUROPE'S ROLE IN CHANGING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. "EUROPE MUST BE MADE UP OF THE NATIONS WHICH COMPOSE IT, AND ITS FATE IS LINKED TO THAT OF EACH OF THEM." (COMMENT: A CALL FOR FRENCH SUPPORT OF SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN THE RESTRUCTURING OF EUROPE.)

3. JOBERT'S REPLY WAS MORE GENERAL. HE GAVE THANKS FOR HIS DECORATION AND PRAISED SPAIN'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS. HE ALSO SPOKE IN GENERALITIES OF "IMPRESSIVE NEEDS OF THE MOMENT" AND "VALUES WHICH WE MUST DEFEND." IN REFERENCE TO SPAIN'S INCORPORATION IN EUROPE, HE SEEMED TO TAKE A DIFFERENT TACK FROM THAT OF LOPEZ RODO. RATHER THAN REFERRING TO A NEW ORGANIZATION FOR EUROPE, HE SAID THAT EUROPE NEEDED TO BE PUT TOGETHER BY PIECES THAT FIT WELL TOGETHER. NOTING THAT SPAIN'S EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN ALL EUROPE, HE ADDED: "MY IDEA IS THAT SPAIN SHOULD JOIN THE PLATOON, FIRST MADE UP OF SIX AND NOW NINE, AND THAT THIS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN A SHORTER TIME THAN IS USUALLY FORESEEN". (COMMENT: JOBERT SEEMED TO BE REJECTING LOPEZ RODO'S CALL FOR A NEW GAME, WITH SPAIN ONE OF THE PLAYERS. INSTEAD, HE HOPED SPAIN WOULD SHAPE UP IN SUCH A WAY TO FIT IN WITH NEW EUROPEAN SYSTEM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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